

REMARKS

It is indicated that the claims of the present application are subject to a restriction requirement because the claimed inventions are distinct from one another. The following invention groups have been identified:

Group 1: Claims 5-23, drawn to a pallet, classified in class 108, subclass 57.25.

Group II: Claims 1-4, drawn to method of producing a plastic structure, classified in class 156, subclass 245.

The examiner also indicated that an election of a single group for prosecution on the merits is required because the invention groups have acquired separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter.

Applicant elects to prosecute Group 1 directed to claims 5-23. Accordingly, claims 1-4 have been withdrawn.

Claims 5-27 are pending in the present application. Preliminary amendments are submitted for claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 22. Claims 24-27 are new claims within Group 1. No additional fee is due for filing new claims 24-27.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, explanations and remarks, entry of this preliminary amendment, as well as consideration and allowance claims 5-27, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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